

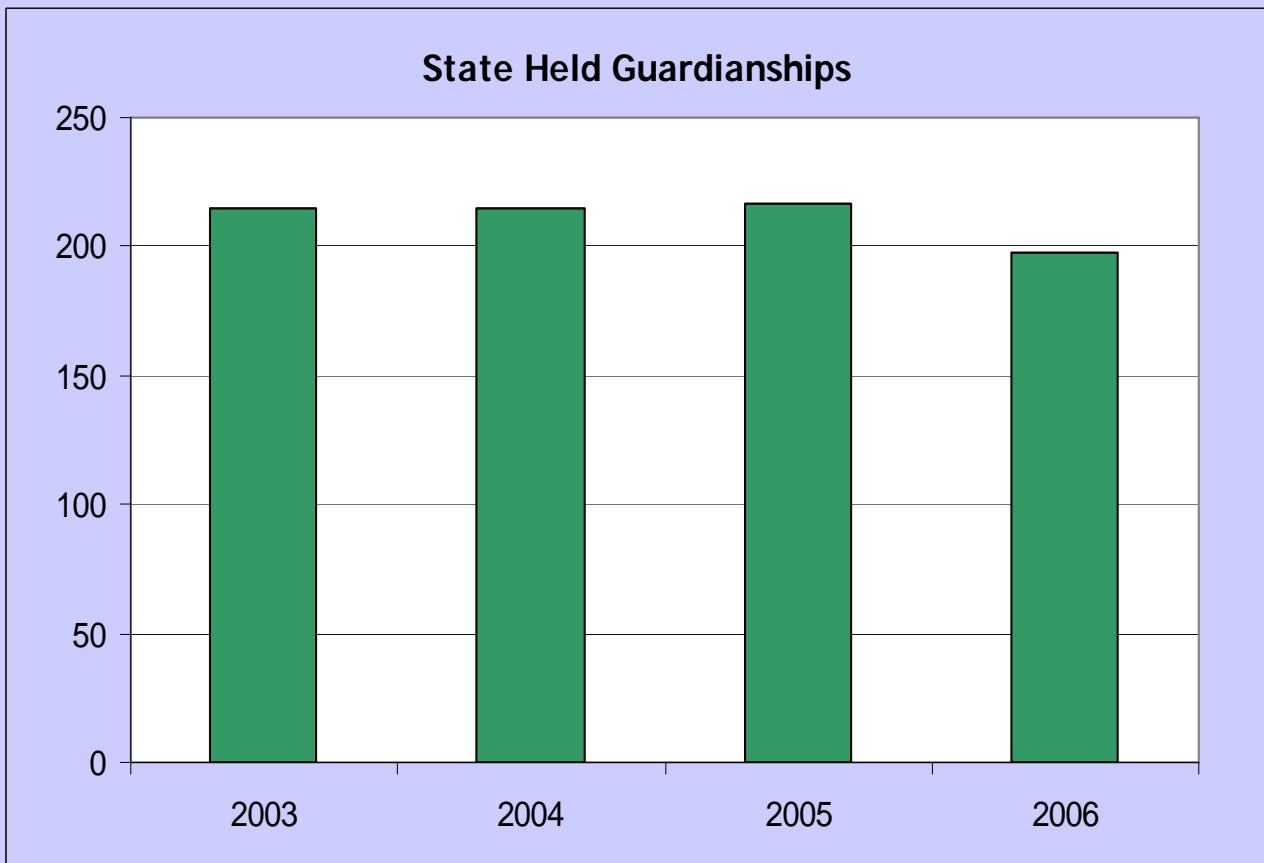
# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SENIOR AND LONG TERM CARE DIVISION

## OBJECTIVE E

ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE STATE TO PROTECT SENIOR CITIZENS  
AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE AT RISK OR ABUSE,  
NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

## OBJECTIVE 3

DECREASE THE NUMBER OF GUARDIANSHIPS OF INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUALS  
HELD BY STATE AGENCIES



**COMMENT AND NOTES:** APS is the department's guardianship of last resort. APS' goal is to reduce its state held guardianships by 10 each year. There are two challenges to this objective: District Courts' unilateral ability to assign guardianships to APS; and the failure of other governmental entities and families to assume the responsibility of adult guardianships.

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